

# State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY  
GOVERNOR

## NORTH CAROLINA AZALEA FESTIVAL SEASON

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Wilmington has been the home of the Azalea Festival for the last 61 years; and,

WHEREAS, the festival enhances and showcases the natural beauty of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the festival, entertainment, street fair and parade draw attention to the river front of Wilmington, known for its beauty and historic significance; and

WHEREAS, the tourism industry flourishes during the Azalea Festival, benefiting the economy of Wilmington and the entire State, promoting North Carolina both nationally and internationally; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 1959, the General Assembly changed the name of the Azalea Festival from the Wilmington Azalea Festival to the North Carolina Azalea Festival at Wilmington, Inc., to demonstrate the festival's significance to the entire State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 26, 2008, as the official kickoff of the "**NORTH CAROLINA AZALEA FESTIVAL SEASON**" and urge our citizens to commend this observance and participate in the many activities during the Festival, April 9-13, 2008.



MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-sixth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.